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From: Mary Polkowski <mary@ccwtraining.com>
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Importance: High

Dear State Representative and/or Representative Aide:

As promised, we are messaging a follow up document of related support to our position opposing House Bills 4416-19. This is for your convenience and understanding of this position as we may only have a few minutes to speak at both hearings May 10 and May 16.

Kindly let us know you have received our prepared work.

Respectfully,

Deputy Allen and Mary Polkowski
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Dear Honorable State Representative and/or Representative Aide:

Nice to speak to you the other day.

Thank you for allowing us to express our position in opposition for the series of House Bills HB 4416-19: Constitutional Carry/elimination of both CPL Permit Requirement AND Pistol Safety Training for Michigan Residents.

We are respectfully requesting all Michigan State Representatives to vote no for these series of bills. These can and should be replaced with the reasonable, fair and intelligent bills expanding the Pistol Safety Training Requirement/Qualification by Certified Training Academies (Instructors) annually; including the Training Entities Requirement of both Qualification/Training for those certified Academies (Instructors): similar to the law enforcement annual firearm qualification standards set by MCOLES (MSP). Details available by request.

I have attached a link (via Google Drive) a selected background Professional Vita of Allen and Mary Polkowski to provide credibility to our knowledge of the subject matter. Please let me know if you have not received that separate email.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BxgxBvVtMMXwTUJaa0FGcFY0UW8/view?usp=sharing>

Also, a sample listing of the research and personal experience of Myths/Misinformation and Facts related to the content of these bills and their impeding effects to all law abiding citizens will be sent to you within the next few days.

Please feel free to contact us for questions, comments or concerns.

Respectfully,
Deputy Allen Polkowski
Mary Polkowski, President and owner: ULTIMATE Protection Firearm Academy and Indoor Range

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The ULTIMATE Journey/History

Mary & Allen Polkowski have lead the way for others to follow as Michigan's innovators of all things related to the right to self-protection including, but not limited to:

- Firearms
- NRA/Political Legislation
- Professional defense training
- Public range development operation
- National law enforcement instructional seminars
- Volunteer community assistance for the shooting sports
- Females and children's safety program

Continually teaching law enforcement instructors throughout the country (NAFTO, IALEFI, teaching at ILEETA in 2017) by educating these instructors and/or shooting enthusiasts about the dangers of lead exposure, they are embarking upon Michigan's only Public Lead Free Indoor Range. Federal, State and Local military & Law Enforcement Agencies have already begun the switch to non-lead ammo for a healthier shooting environment. For public ranges, it is not a matter of if, but when the ranges will follow the example of California, where all lead ammo is banned from hunting. When will the rest of the nation experience the government health mandate of the lead ammo ban, or worse yet, confiscation?

After three successful years of operating a public indoor range on rental property, selling the equipment, to open their own 4,000 sq. ft. facility on 1.2 acres, Mary is the first female to finance, design and operated her own shooting range, this will be her second indoor shooting range, uniquely "lead-free and reduced hazard".

Mary's successful testimony as being the only woman, and female firearm instructor, single handedly influenced the passing of Michigan CCW Law. She has celebrity indorsement, awards from every level of government from local to federal, community recognition, dedication to families, seminars for children and women for personal protection needs/interests; which provides her and all firearm related industries an unquestionable blue print for success. Come join in sponsoring her, her husband and staff to preserve the firearms rights that made this county great!

National Rifle Association Of America
11250 Waples Mill Road
Fairfax, VA 22030

May 9, 2016

Hi Mary,

Congratulations on being one of our Top Ten Instructor Recruiters for 2016, currently ranking as number eight (8) out of approximately 120,000 NRA instructors. On behalf of the National Rifle Association, I would like to thank you for the work you have done to strengthen the NRA by increasing memberships.

Also, I've highlighted a few accolades below:

- Official NRA Recruiter since 1998
- Over 1,400 members recruited into NRA
- #12 all time for members recruited in the Instructor Category (over 1,700 Recruiters)
- 4 time Top Ten Instructor Recruiter (2013, 2012, 2011, 2009)

Randall Clark

National Rifle Association of America

Manager, Recruiting Programs

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NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
MEMBERSHIP DIVISION
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FARMINGTON, CT 06030-3209



February 6, 2013

Mary Polkowski
PO Box 380356
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Mary:

Congratulations on being one of our Top Ten Instructor Recruiters for 2012. On behalf of the National Rifle Association, I would like to thank you for the work you have done to strengthen the NRA by increasing membership.

Please accept this Top Ten Certificate as a token of recognition for this exceptional accomplishment. Display your certificate proudly, that it may serve as a reminder of your success and the dedication that you have shown to NRA's mission. Our hope is that you will continue to receive this award for years to come.

Thank you once again for your past and continuing efforts as we work together to preserve our Second Amendment rights.

Yours in Freedom,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Clark".

Randy Clark
Manager, Recruiting Programs

NRA award letter: Mary Top Ten Recruiter 2012

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
11250 WAPLES MILL ROAD
FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA 22030



February 25, 2014

Mary Polkowski
PO Box 380356
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Mary:

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Randy Clark
Manager, Recruiting Programs

NRA award letter: Mary Top Ten Recruiter 2013

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January 9, 2017

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18302 Cheryl Dr
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Yours in Freedom,

Randy Clark
Manager, Recruiting Programs

David Helmer
Marketing Representative, Instructors

National Rifle Association of America



2016 Top 10 Recruiter

Mary Polkowski

Instructor Category

~ 6th Place - 374 members ~

Allan D. Cors

President

Wayne LaPine

Executive Vice President



Mary Polkowski was nominated by Michigan second amendment patriots at least five (5) times for the NRA prestigious "Sybil Lundington Freedom Award" during the 1990's.

Dear Ms. Polkowski,

With gratitude for your faithful service in the cause of freedom and, especially, for your years of friendship.

Paula Heston



*Ted Nugent testifying for MI
CCW Law 1999*



*Mary Polkowski testifying for
MI CCW Law 1999 with Ted*



*Mary Polkowski testifying for
MI CCW Law 1999 with Ted*



Shemane, Ted Nugent & Mary, Al Polkowski MI Outdoor show 2002



Marie Curran gives a talk on Lynne Gibson.

Warrior Princesses

Women learn the way of the wild on Nugent preserve



Women participating in Shemane Nugent's "Queen of the Forest" weekend program were taught firearm safety and skills by Mary Polkowski, right-hand, who is certified by the National Rifle Association.



Green Chisnolms had her hair photographed by Ted Nugent.

he pickup trucked its way into the preserve, just the way women riding in the back as a twisted and climbed into its cabin. The women were riding into the woods to find her house on the road and then to the house in the woods. It was a weekend for adventure, for women who wanted to get reconnected and to get in touch with nature and with themselves. It was a weekend for women who wanted to get reconnected and to get in touch with nature and with themselves. It was a weekend for women who wanted to get reconnected and to get in touch with nature and with themselves.



Participants in the weekend event learned Shemane and Ted Nugent.

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Photo: Bob W.D. G-3

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ANDREW HELLER
from the book

OPINION

Starr tells all ... and then some

I read the Starr report (Week 1) and I was struck by the way some others would not let it and the

Starr report. "Mr. Lewinsky was not involved in the relationship with the president," (L. K. 1999) but "we already know she was 'extensively debauched'." This is the problem.

Starr's report is a masterpiece of "journalistic journalism" on many articles of the report. It is a masterpiece of "journalistic journalism" on many articles of the report. It is a masterpiece of "journalistic journalism" on many articles of the report.

By the way, we are not for another book. We are not for another book. We are not for another book. We are not for another book. We are not for another book.

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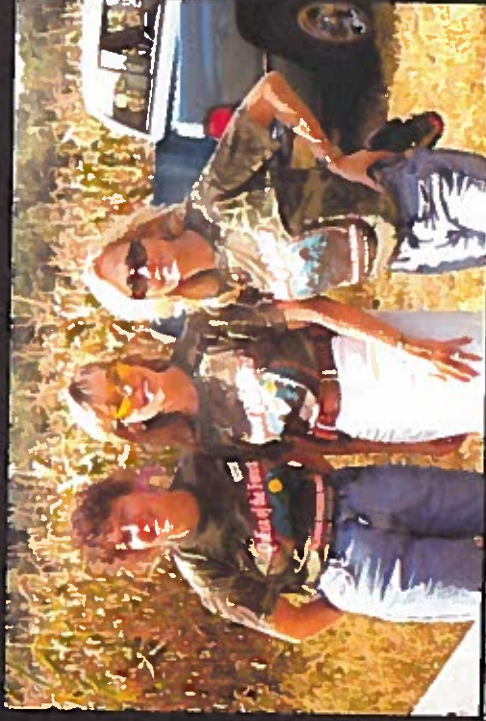
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Shemane Nugent's "Queen of the Forest" Women's Program: Mary Polkowski (Q of F Board of Director & Firearm Instructor) teaching women participants firearm Safety with non-firing training guns, 1997.

Top – Left: Q of F Participant,
Mary Polkowski & Shemane
Nugent 1997



Bottom: Mary Polkowski
Teaching private firearm lesson
to Q of F participant &
Shemane Nugent 1997





Top Ted, Shemane and Mary Queen of the Forest Participants.
 Middle: Mary instructing private handgun lesson to Shemane Nugent and Q of F attendee .
 Bottom: Mary Polkowski Shemane Nugent , and attendee after Mary gives private handgun lesson .

September 22, 1997

Dear Mary:

Thanks so much for your expert instruction at the Queen of the Forest Outdoor Education Program for Women. The information you provided was extremely valuable and enlightening. Now, these women are well-informed on how to protect themselves and their families. They are EMPOWERED!

I look forward to working with you on future Queen of the Forest projects, and, by the way these women are talking, I have a feeling there will be many, many more!

Please thank Al, Christina and Jennifer for their help, as well. It's nice that they can be involved in what you do.

I'd like to schedule a directors meeting in October. I'll keep you posted on the date, as soon as possible. Let me know if you'll be out of town any time during the month. We have tons to talk about!!!!

In the future, as you receive them, please send me any list of items donated to Queen of the Forest so that we can send a thank-you letter and keep their names and addresses on file. As always, feel free to call me with any questions or comments.

God bless,



Shemane

*Shemane Nugent's Thank you Letter to Polkowski Family
For making her "Queen of the Forest" Program a success!*



Left: Al Polkowski
Middle: Ted Nugent
Right: Mary Polkowski
"Queen of the Forest"
May 2002



Left: Mary Polkowski
Right: Ted Nugent
"Queen of the Forest"
May 2002

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Grassroots

Dear Julianne and Peggy:

Being an avid reader of *Women & Guns* magazine and a supporter of the Second Amendment Foundation, to meet you both in person at your recent Leadership Training Conference (May 18-19, 1996, Detroit, MI), was an exciting experience I will eternally treasure! I was very impressed with your presentations and the wealth of information that was disseminated will be a tremendous asset to all who were present.

Additionally, the grassroots strategies discussed by the variety of presenters should prove invaluable for our organization. I can hardly wait to implement these effective ideas into future seminars and media articles.

On behalf of the members in our organization, a special gratitude for all the printed materials donated to Ultimate, Inc. The *Women & Guns* magazines were right on target! A unique magazine addressing firearm issues and equipment from a more philosophical and subjective point of view, distinguishing it from more "traditional" gun publications. (Please see the enclosed photo of our ladies who attended one of my June club meetings!)

seminars).

Your efforts have been the inspiration for the collaborative commitment of an increasing number of organizations: making the difference in convincing the public of the very real disadvantages women must overcome to successfully protect themselves and their families. Ultimate, Inc. was formed in this essentially anti-gun state for all responsible women to be empowered with the common goal of improving the freedom and quality of their personal lives through "female-friendly" firearm instruction, effective defense strategies (including the "right-to-carry"), and continued enjoyable experiences in firearm sports from a woman's perspective.

Again, thank you for your interesting and enduring support of all women — everywhere!

Sincerely,
Mary L. Polkowski
President
Ultimate Club, Inc.
Warren, MI
(810) 573-4937

Editor's Note: One of the great rewards of this job is getting out to meeting readers like Mary (center of picture, in suit), who are doing so much fine work on the local level.

—Peggy

Mary Polkowski's (Center Standing)
Ladies Shooting Club 1996

Left: Mary's editorial sent to
"Women&Guns" magazine 1996

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'League of Their Own' Rises from Grassroots Effort

By Gila Hayes,
Contributing Editor

What is the best way to get something started? Every woman knows the answer: do it yourself! This

ments of such groups and the influence of other women's shooting programs are priceless, but equal credit is due the small circles of women who have banded together to promote ladies' shooting at their local clubs and ranges. Without people working inside their own gun clubs and home communities, few of the larger shooting sports and gun rights efforts could succeed.



Courtesy of Mary Polkowski

Mary Polkowski, shown here participating in a one-handed shooting exercise, uses skills gained at Genesee Training Center in training Detroit-area women.

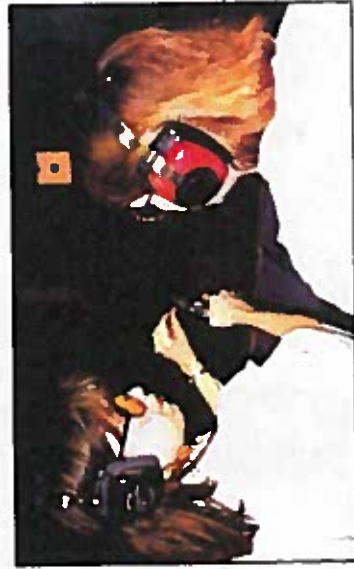
ism is particularly applicable to women's shooting events. As women from all corners of the United States and beyond have discovered, if you want to shoot in a women's league, attend women's firearms training courses or just socialize with other women shooters, you may have to organize it yourself.

Too many think starting their own ladies shooting group is a daunting task, requiring an organization as extensive as the Women's Shooting Sports Foundation (See WSG, Jan. '96 or AWARE (See WSG, Nov. '96 or www.aware.org) or the American Women's Self Defense Association (See WSG, Dec. '94 or www.awda.org). The accomplish-

A number of the women who have founded women's shooting groups have built on programs based on the training, resources and programs offered by the National Rifle Association. The NRA has been

a range and shooters' resource for longer than most of us have owned guns! An impressive example of NRA influence is benefiting the Detroit, MI, area, under the direction of dynamic Mary Polkowski, one of just ten NRA regional counselors nationwide certified to train instructors to teach the Refuse to Be A Victim program. This credential is just the tip of the iceberg, however, when one starts to talk about training with Mary, who uses NRA programs as merely one facet of her larger program.

A professional musician by trade, Mary has channeled her own passion for women's self-defense into community education and outreach. Mary is one-half of a couple that leads a band that entertains at parties, events and in clubs. The work takes her into parts of the city at hours that most would prefer to avoid. After escaping an attempted assault that occurred in the ladies room after her nightclub performance, Mary was inspired



Courtesy of Mary Polkowski

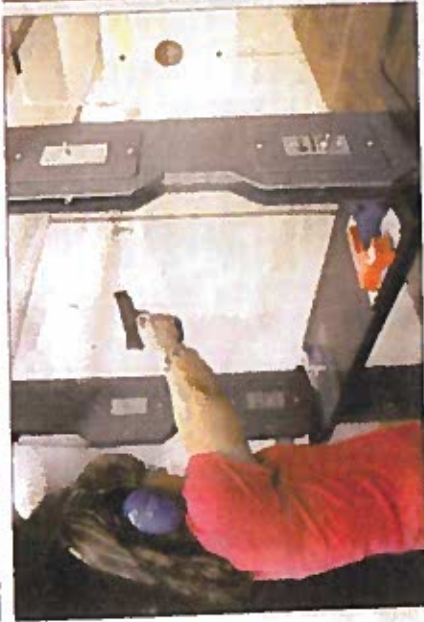
On the range, Mary explains the elements of sight picture to a student.

Women's Guns

1999 "Women&Guns" National Magazine: article about Mary Polkowski's Ladies shooting club

Photo Top Left: Mary at GunSite Academy 1997

Photo Bottom: Mary Instructing Ladies Shooting Club attendee



Along Mary Polkowski, president of the Clinton New Brand New Indoor Shooting Range, demonstrates how to properly hold a handgun. Polkowski teaches students how to properly hold a handgun, and self-defense experts.

Left: Polkowski teaches students how to properly hold a handgun. Right: Polkowski teaches students how to properly hold a handgun.

No damsel in distress

New shooting range draws women in for sport, protection

By Helen Brown
C & G Staff Writer

The rules and guidelines for the Clinton New Brand New Indoor Shooting Range are a stark contrast to the climate of the past. In a world where women are often portrayed as victims, the range is a place where women can learn to defend themselves.

Mary Polkowski is the first woman in the Midwest to design, finance, build and operate her own public shooting range. She is also the first woman to teach women to shoot.

Polkowski is a former police officer and a former teacher. She is also a former victim of domestic violence.

She is a good friend with Ted Nugent. She is a good friend with Ted Nugent.

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Mommy dearest

Mother of 6 wins day of pampering at Clinton Township salon

By Helen Brown
C & G Staff Writer

CLINTON TOWNSHIP — Mary Polkowski, mother of six, won a day of pampering at the Clinton Township salon. She was the first woman to win a day of pampering.

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Mary Polkowski shooting at her Brand New Indoor Shooting Range: That she financed, designed and built in 2010

BUSINESS NEWS PLEASE EMAIL US AT EDIT@MACOMBDAILY.COM



Mary Polkowski operates the Ultimate Brown Bear Shooting Range in Chesterfield Township.

From pianos to pistols

Former musician now runs shooting range

By Dave Jones
For the Macomb Daily

Mary Polkowski used to use her fingers to make music as an accomplished piano player. Now she wraps her fingers around guns.

As unlikely as the transformation may seem, Polkowski says she is the first woman in the area to design, build and operate a firearms shooting range.

Located on Granger near 21 Mile Road in Chesterfield Township, the Ultimate Brown Bear Shooting Range is a family recreational shooting and training center. It is inside Brown Bear Sporting Goods.

"We do private lessons," Polkowski said. "We do handgun lessons. We also offer a lot of classes and things for the family — ul-

Business Bio
Ultimate Brown Bear Shooting Range
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Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
(586) 268-6496 (7233)
MaryPolkowski.com

After a wide range of classes, coordinators and need also

imately it is a family "range." The Ultimate offers a wide range of classes and certification — starting with the standards such as hunter's safety and CCW (referred

INSIDE

GM and Chrysler dealers will soon fear whether they will stay open — Page 2C

THE NUMBERS

OFFSHORE RATES
Euro to dollar, 1.31
Discount Rate, 0.75
Federal Funds Rate, 0.25
Prime Offer Loan Rate, 2.25
30-year fixed mortgage, 4.11
CD's 180 days, 0.75

FOREIGN MARKETS
Gold futures, \$1,211.30
Silver futures, \$13.237

CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATES
Canadian dollar, 0.9722
Australian dollar, 1.0774
British pound, 1.5176
Australian yen, 0.01138

IN BRIEF

Round Table talk

The Institute for the Study of the Aging and the American Child is hosting the 2010 Round Table on Aging in American Education. The event will be held at Wayne State University's Student Center Building, 5221 Oakland Mall, Detroit. Cost is \$100, which includes an exclusive cocktail reception and a buffet lunch. The round table is titled "The Situation, The Solution and the Strategy," and will feature keynote speaker Geneva Gay, professor of education at the University of Washington in Seattle, who will speak on the best practices for teaching All-American children. For more information, contact Suzanne Buckner at sbuckner@wayne.edu or (313) 677-0891 or visit www.iaac.org/about/2010/roundtable/roundtable2010.html

Taste Fest

Musella's Fruit Market, located at 11 Mile Road and 18th in St. Clair Shores, is hosting "Summer Taste Fest" on Saturday, July 11. Proceeds will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Among those offering food to taste will be Winter Season Company, Bag Roll King, Tre Cerve City Me Company, Bette's Made Chips and more. Musella's will also be offering a male summer time favor for the funds. A donation of \$5 is suggested to benefit MDA and customers can also purchase a "Car the male good neighbors" paper napkin for \$1 that will be displayed

Mary Polkowski, along with her husband Allen, financed, designed and built this indoor shooting range in 2009.

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When the storm hit, off-shore wind speeds off-shore could reach first-day gusts for the first time since the 1964 Atlantic storm at 14 m/s.

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PERSONAL SAFETY



Mary McFarrell, left, ULTIMATE Club Sweden business clerk King of Biscuits in use of Screamers at Peters Indoor Range in Biscuits.

Women take aim at protection

Roseville club teaches self-defense, awareness and how to fire a weapon.

Dr. Michele Basso

When it comes to personal safety, a woman is just one
step away from being

"A lot of women have the misconception that their boyfriend or husband will be there to protect them," said Mary Follenski of Worcester. "I couldn't wait for something to happen, for me to take personal responsibility for my safety." She decided to learn how to fire a gun — and found it to be a male-dominated art.

There were no female instructors, and the firing range was filled with men.

"They want to learn everything from scratch. They want to know the basics."

The best way to start is with an old game, which is drawn five actual bodies and doesn't reveal, or is 21, the smallest game. Men usually put in a bigger game first. Pullerbach said he made it a habit to encourage the same, so his 14 years of study weren't wasted.

The 157 members of ULTIMATE joined at varying skill levels, but Pullerbach said even those who initially weren't interested in firing a gun eventually went to 175.

"They're kind of open-minded in it," Pullerbach said. "They're not like, 'That's not what I want to do.'"

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consider a lot more than just the
price. A smart investor knows that all
— SEE PAGE 14A

Knocked down, but not out

*Shooting range will provide
instructions to the
physically disabled*

By Susan Zimmerman
C & G Staff Writer

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP — The table was adjusted to meet his height. As he sat in his wheelchair, he held the gun in his right hand, extended his arm, closed his left eye to adjust his aim and pulled the trigger.

Suey Johnson, the range safety officer for the town's Chesterfield Range Rifle Shooting Range on Gordon, was paid back in 1988 after a more than 10-year hiatus.

"I was a private investigator," said Johnson. "One of my jobs was serving subpoenas, and I had the unfortunate job of serving a subpoena to a man in Roundfield Hills. I wanted for the man to come home. When he arrived, I served him with a subpoena."

See PAGE 14A on page 12B



From top: David Mendenhall
Suey Johnson is assisted by Mary Johnson, instructor and owner of the Chesterfield Range Rifle Shooting Range. The two participants were placed behind his car so that he could hear the instruction better during the one-on-one session.

Mary and Allen's new indoor range was designed to be handicapped accessible; unique in the Detroit, MI, area at the time. 2009

Photo Left: Mary instructing wheel chaired bound Scott Johnson, who was shot in 1988 serving a subpoena for the Oakland County, MI, courts.

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Women lead surge in concealed pistol permits



Instructor Mary Polkowski, left, gives shooting tips to Kim Francis of Ferndale during a "Ladies Shooting Day Out" firearms class at Ultimate Protection Academy in Clinton Township. About a dozen women attended.

Mich. increase in licenses mirrors national trend

BY CHARLES E. RAMIREZ
The Detroit News

Jessica Pozson sums up the reasons she got a concealed pistol license in one word: safety.

"Something happened to me that was potentially dangerous and it made me think about my safety and the safety of my children," said the 35-year-old from Westland. "I wanted to be able to protect myself and my family."

Pozson, who said she got her concealed pistol license a few months ago, is one of a growing number of women in Metro Detroit and statewide who are packing heat, according to Michigan State Police data.

The number of women statewide who received or renewed concealed pistol licenses rose from 10,662 in 2010 to 25,418, a gain of 134 percent.

And while women still made up less

than a quarter of the state's new CPL holders last year, their numbers are growing faster than the number of Michigan men getting licenses. The number of newly issued or renewed CPL licenses for men surged 103 percent from 2010 to 2014.

"It's a trend that has been going on for several years, not just nationally, but in Michigan, too," said Steve Duban, an attorney and spokesman for the Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners, which calls itself the nation's largest state-based firearms advocate.

The number of new CPL licenses issued annually to women also climbed in Metro Detroit between 2010 and 2014, rising 103 percent.

Please see **Armed**, Page B4

Gun boards: Bills to eliminate carry oversight pass House, head to Senate.

Growth areas

The Michigan counties with the fastest increase in female CPL holders are all in less-populated areas of the state.

Counties with newly issued or renewed concealed pistol licenses (CPL) in Michigan

County	2010	2014	Percentage change
Genesee	19	112	489%
Washtenaw	83	419	405%
Alcona	19	80	374%
Sanilac	26	123	373%
Charlevoix	72	104	373%

Source: Michigan State Police. The Detroit News

Mary Polkowski instructing one of many women participants during a "Ladies Night Out" training range session at her new 4,000 sq. ft. training center in Clinton Twp., MI.: Mary is the originator of the "Ladies Day/Night Out Shooting Events" in the nation and this is her featured story as featured in the 2014 'Detroit (MI) News article to the left. 2016 makes twenty-one (21) years Mary has been offering "Ladies Shooting Events", the first of its kind in the nation.

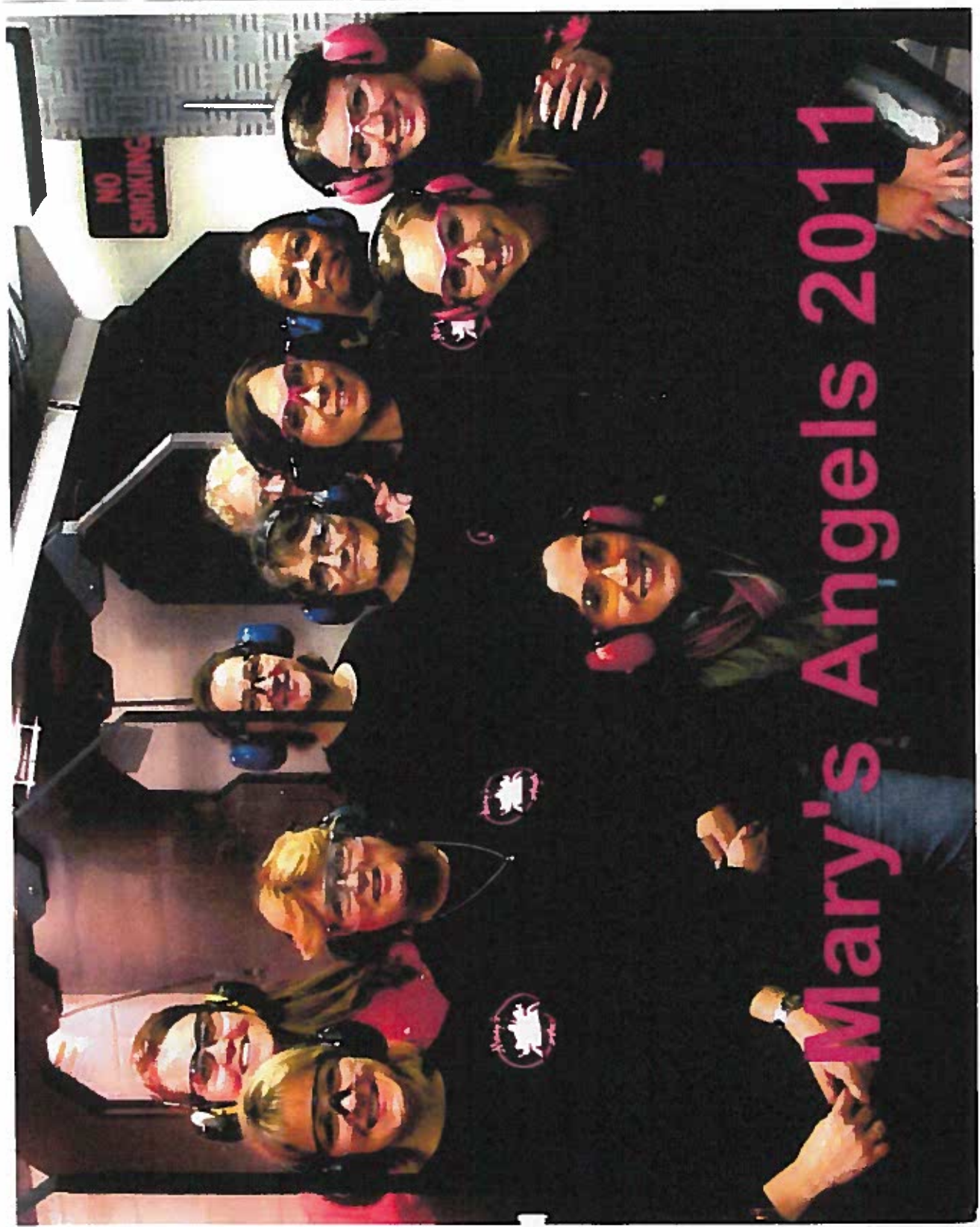
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Mary Polkowski sponsoring a
 "FREE KIDS GUN ACCIDENT
 AWARENESS PROGRAM" with
 materials from the NRA
 including an invitation to Ofc.
 Wedad Elhadge, Detroit Police
 Gang Squad, 1997.





Top Left: Mary Polkowski at St. Anne's Catholic School, Warren, MI, teaching a "Gun Accident Prevention Program" 1995.



Bottom Left: Mary & Allen Polkowski (with Daughters Angela, Michelle & gun shot victim Scott Johnson) teaching a "Gun Accident Prevention Program" at an East Detroit, MI, Elementary School. 2000

Mary Polkowski teaching
another "Gun Accident
Prevention Program" for the
children of her 'ULTIMATE
LADIES CLUB' and guest
parents/children. 1998



Mary Polkowski (with husband Allen, daughters Michelle and Angela) teaching the highly requested 'ULTIMATE Protection Academy' "Gun Accident Prevention & Stranger Danger Awareness Program" for cub scouts of the Waterford, MI, area. A television special was produced of this program and broadcast at a later date. 1999





Mary Polkowski teaching "Gun Accident Prevention & Stranger Danger Awareness" program at a local school (top photo) and at a local indoor shooting range for the general public (bottom two photos). Circa late 1990's

Top Left-Middle: Mary with daughters Jenny, Christina and Michelle delivering donated clothing to the Ted Nugent 'U. S. of A.' clothing Drive collected by her 'ULTIMATE LADIES SHOOTING CLUB'. Sponsors wrote in a thank you letter later that Mary's club was the largest single donation given at that drive for the needy. 2000



Bottom Left: Mary Polkowski with select members of her "ULTIMATE LADIES SHOOTING CLUB" donating food collected for the needy at the Bob Bauer (Radio personality and Ted Nugent Radio Show DJ '102.7 THE BEAR') food drive Christmas. 1999 & 2000



**Mary Polkowski's
U.L.T.I.M.A.T.E. Ladies Empowerment Organization**

Dear Friends,

As prosecutor of one of the state's largest counties for 16 years, fighting crime has been my major focus. I have never lost sight of the perilous conditions many victims of crime often find themselves in. That is why I created the first Domestic Violence Unit in Michigan to help fight for victim's rights.

I was present when my good friend U.S. Senator Carl Levin presented Mary with his "Crime Fighting Mom Award" on Mother's Day in 1997, and I agree that she is a true fighter. A fighter for both women and children in helping make their lives safer every day through educational programs that she not only teaches, but develops and implements with great success. Her efforts in this regard have been a wonderful asset to our law enforcement community in that when citizens are taking a pro-active involvement with crime prevention, the crime rate can and does go down.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Mary since 1994, both as a professional career woman and as a person I would consider a close friend. Her nonpartisan perception of finding the best in all people while staying true to her goals and constitutional convictions has earned her the admiration of many.

Mary's U.L.T.I.M.A.T.E. Ladies organization has provided not only a safe environment for women to continue developing their personal protection skills, but also a much needed volunteer effort for our community. I commend the group's efforts and hope the next five years will be as outstanding as the last!

Sincerely,

Carl J. Marlinga
Macomb County Prosecuting Attorney

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Honoring

MARY L. POLKOWSKI

a "Crime Fighting Mom"

*whose outstanding work in crime prevention
has made her community safer.*

Carl Levin

Carl Levin

United States Senator

May 10, 1997





Certificate of Special U.S. Senate Recognition

Presented to

Mary Polkowski
Ultimate Club Founder

*In recognition for her achievements in
educating and empowering women in self protection*

June 9, 2000

Date

Sam Thurman
United States Senate

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On behalf of the citizens of Michigan,
Governor John Engler hereby Issues
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to

MARY POLKOWSKI

IN RECOGNITION OF HER FOUNDING THE UNITED LADIES TRAINING
IN MARKSWOMANSHIP AND TOTAL EMPOWERMENT ORGANIZATION
AND FOR HER OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO THE
ERRADICATION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN OUR GREAT LAKES STATE

which is deserving of special recognition by all the citizens of Michigan.

Given under my hand on this eight day of June in
the year of our Lord two thousand and of the
Independence one hundred and sixty-three.



John Engler
Governor

STATE OF MICHIGAN



SPECIAL TRIBUTE

To

Mary L. Polkowski

LET IT BE KNOWN, That it is with deep appreciation for the leadership and commitment this accomplishment represents that I congratulate Mary L. Polkowski for her dedicated service to the women, children, seniors and gun owners of Macomb County. This achievement signifies qualities that are very much admired by the people of Michigan as an indication of commitment and loyalty that will be of great value to our state and nation in the years to come.

Mary has promoted second amendment rights for the people of Michigan through several different programs. Her ULTIMATE ladies' club gives women a chance to become more familiar with a weapon as well as operate weapons safely. The children's programs that Mary has helped with like the NRA's "Eddie Eagle" gun safety program have been an asset as well. Her various other accomplishments and volunteer efforts show her commitment to our community and country.

Mary Polkowski is a true leader. Her involvement with the NRA, children's safety and the ULTIMATE club have shown that Mary Polkowski is a leader helping those who have been victimized as well as many others in her community who may need help in gun safety or in their personal lives.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, Therefore, on behalf of the Senate and the People of the great state of Michigan, This document is signed and dedicated to congratulate Mary L. Polkowski on her willingness to contribute her time to the people who need her most. I challenge her to continue to carry out her responsibilities to her community.




Dave Ivey, Your State Senator
Republican - Macomb County

The Ninetieth Legislature
At Lansing
June 4, 1999





SPECIAL TRIBUTE

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ULTIMATE LADIES CLUB

LET IT BE KNOWN. That it is a success pleasure to recognize and extend our praise to the **ULTIMATE Ladies Club.** The **ULTIMATE Ladies Club**, under the able direction and guidance of Mary Pollock, has made a noticeable impact on the on the women who have participated in the Club's safety and awareness program. We are obligated to acknowledge the talented members of this group and extend to them our best wishes for their continued success.

The ULTIMATE Ladies Club is dedicated to increasing and increasing the quality of life of its members by teaching women the skills and techniques for self defense. The ULTIMATE Ladies Club for United States Training is Mark Twain's and Tonia Thompson's representative training sessions to increase its participants' awareness and ability to defend themselves from aggression. The admirable goal of this training is to teach women to avoid becoming a victim in the first place, and if that fails to use all of her resources to defend herself and escape the situation. Self defense knowledge, taught in a female friendly environment will improve the lives of our members, wives, sisters, daughters, and families. Due to the dedication and hard work of Mary Polkovich and her associates, the members of the ULTIMATE Ladies Club have the ability to protect themselves and the ability to refuse to be a victim.

We commended Mary Pollockski for her vision and determination to make a difference. The members who have participated in the ULTIMATE Ladies Club training will influence others in their community, as well as providing valuable mentoring to the youngsters in their lives.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE. Therefore, This document is signed and dedicated to deceased Mary Polnowski and the members of the ULTIMATE Ladies Club for their perspective input versus to our community.

Devin DeVries

Student Representative

The Twenty-Ninth District

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July 22, 1996





To

MARY POLKOWSKI

United Ladies Training in Markwomanship and Total Empowerment

LET IT BE KNOWN. That it is a distinct privilege to commemorate Mary Polkowski and to commend members of the ULTIMATE Ladies Club for their exemplary community service. These individuals have worked diligently to help women and children empower themselves in today's world. We thank the members on behalf of the many people who have benefited from their contributions to the community.

Mary Polkowski has proven that caring volunteers can make a difference. She has been a tireless advocate for women's financial issues, along with empowering women and children in self-defense training. Four years ago, Mary Polkowski founded the United Ladies Training in Markwomanship and Total Empowerment (ULTIMATE). Since that time, Mary has volunteered her time unselfishly to others who have been victims of violent crimes.

Mary Polkowski has been honored with many community awards and citations. Among these achievements are the coveted "1996 Volunteer of the Year Award," presented by the Macomb County Commissioners and nomination of Oakland County's "Wonder Woman Crystal Award."

Clearly, Mary and the members of the ULTIMATE Ladies Club can take pride in their effective history of community service. While they have enjoyed much camaraderie and made many friends in the community, they have also enriched countless lives through their good works.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, Therefore, This document is signed and dedicated to Mary Polkowski and the ULTIMATE Ladies Club. May Mary and the members continue to attain success far into the future.



Alan Sanborn
Alan Sanborn, State Representative
The Thirty-Second District

The Michigan Legislature
Al Lansing
June 3, 1999



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Macomb County
Board of Commissioners

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Mary Polignone

Who by individual initiative and dedicated volunteer service, has made valuable contributions to improve the quality of life for others as well as strengthen the well-being of the community and the state and thereby is an inspiring example to all the citizens of the County of Macomb and the State of Michigan.

This 30th day of April 1997

John C. Hertel
Chairman, Macomb County Board of Commissioners

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WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE

Mary Polkowski

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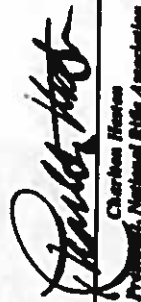
Know ye for all time, that upon this date, the 22nd Day of
November, in the Year Two Thousand,

Mary L. Polkowski

is hereby nominated to the NRA Millennium Honor Roll

for accepting the call to serve the National Rifle Association and our nation on the
occasion of the New Millennium and in recognition of distinguished service in
the defense of liberty and the Constitution of the United States, especially
the Second Amendment Right to Keep and Bear Arms.

Hereby sworn by the NRA Millennium Awards Committee:


Charles Hixon
President, National Rifle Association

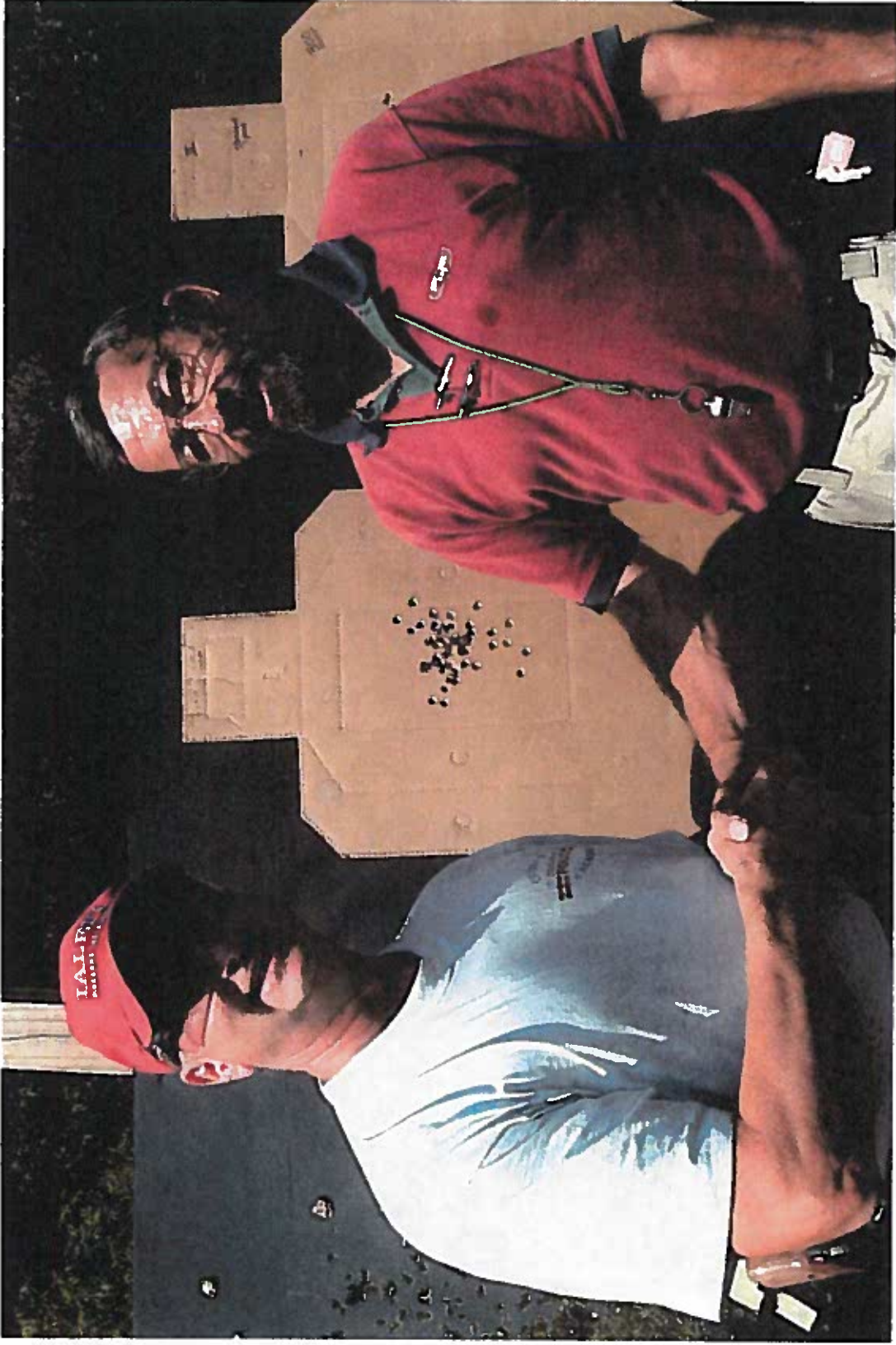

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James Jay Baker
Executive Director, NRA Institute for Legislative Action



*Top and Bottom Photos of
Macomb County Sheriff Deputy
Allen Polkowski (far right) at
special events around the Detroit
Metropolitan area. 2015*





2009: Massad Ayoob congratulating Allen Polkowski for a perfect 300 score tying Ayoob's perfect 300 score at the Michigan L.F.I. Level One course 2009. Polkowski's target shown.



August, 2009: Massad Ayoob presenting Allen Polkowski with the winning prize for tying Ayoob's perfect 300 L.F.I. course score. (autographed US Dollar shown next slide and total dollars collected from all participants given as top class prize!)

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Report #1

Re: House Bills 4416-19

Constitutional Carry

Removing the Requirement for Citizens to Obtain a Concealed Carry Permit to Be Armed while Concealed in Public

Introduction:

It is our position to oppose these Bills as presented in their current form, however, if they are amended to state the following, we would be advocates for a new law.

Change: eliminate all reference to "Constitutional Carry"; retain the current permit Concealed Carry Permit(CPL) requirements; expand the obligations of current CPL citizens to re-qualify/re-certify as well as properly certified CPL Instructors annually at State designated Training Academies and to expand the enforcement of state minimum requirements for Instructors who are offering Pistol Training Courses per Public Act 372 of 1927 and current amendments: with emphasis on "...section 28.425," Pistol Safety Training Requirements. That way,

we can join state representatives in voting YES for a bill(s) that really make Michigan Safer!

Clarification:

To the best of our knowledge, no one person or group has worked harder for 'Gun Rights' of law abiding Michigan Citizens than us; beginning in 1995 Mary Polkowski formed her ladies Shooting club advocacy group (ULTIMATE) with the assistance of the now disbanded gun rights advocacy group "Brass Roots" headed by Ted Nugent, Jon Coon and Mike Hoban. One year later MCRGO was formed well as Front Sight in Las Vegas Nevada. What is significant with 'Front Sight' is this Firearm Academy's founder Dr. Ignatius Piazza, of who we met and admire when training there in 1997, has created an entire Second Amendment resort of well-armed, yet expertly trained average American families, former law enforcement and military persons who are model citizens for everyone to emulate as average people who have enjoyed the freedom of the Second Amendment yet excel in 'skill at arms'. (www.frontsight.com) Everyone in America should travel to, train with or at least research "Front Sight " as the safe society that so many of "so called" gun rights advocates claim to be, which includes the inseparable combination of both bearing of arms with continuing skill at arms through training. One without the other is what our founding fathers predicted to be the end of our freedoms as they provided for us.

Second Amendment"

"A Well-Regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a Free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Any entry high school English course will guide the student in building a paragraph with the most important topic sentence followed by supporting ideas. Our Founding Fathers knew this: that is why they first stated **"A Well-Regulated..."**

Let's look at "Regulated":

- (A) the first Amendment provides Freedom of Speech, yet a resident cannot enter at will into any courthouse, stand at the witness stand and pontificate for any undetermined length of time without consequences to their actions....there are many common sense examples, herein is just one. Hence: speech is "Regulated"
- (B) residents over the age of eighteen have the right to vote, yet Michigan has a voter Identification Law in effect. A resident has to give up time, expense and personal information to the state in order to exercise their franchise. Hence voting is "Regulated".
- (C) Residents have a right to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures (ie. :Fourth Amendment) yet with a government issued 'Search Warrant' a person can have this right retracted. Hence: Personal Rights can be "Regulated".

There are more examples too time consuming for this document.

Myths & Misinformation Dispelled:

Gun Rights Activists are advocates for gun safety education:

Kindly inform us how many years any activist group or individual has volunteered to teach and provide firearm safety, including, but not limited to: NRA Gun Accident Prevention Program "Eddie Eagle"; Children's' Stranger-Danger Abduction Avoidance; youth firearm safety like Hunters Education/Youth rifle-handgun programs like whitetailsunlimited.com "Kids on Target" or NSSF's "First Shots for beginning shooters? We have for the past 22 years. If not, then it is difficult at best to convince the general public that such persons truly have the community's best interest in mind when it could be argued that there is personal gain from the increased paying membership dues if house bills such as these are passed to entice gun enthusiasts that a gun rights organization has their best interest in mind. It would be different if any/all gun rights organizations offered free memberships or paid members to join whereas the organizers of these groups incurred all expenses of the organization and had not one administration staff member paid by dues paying members.

“Michigan laws are very confusing to most people...”

True. That is precisely one of the many reasons these bills are flawed (HB 4416-19). People need instruction, resources and leadership in being as uniquely informed of either the essence of the over 20,000 gun laws in the books (an NRA statement paraphrased from the NRA ‘Personal Protection In The Home Video’ for CPL classes) so that they can be able to know what is required to avoid violating gun laws, avoid using excessive force and be directed to where they can find changes in current guns laws.

“...and removing the permitting process will remove more bureaucratic red tape that law abiding citizens have to jump through.”

Stating this simply ignores the fact that in the past approximately 16 years since when PA 381 took effect July 1, 2001, great strides in local and state governments have occurred to streamline, process on line, and eliminate (ie.: gun boards) Gun Permit application process, including, but not limited to: reducing the wait period of receiving your CPL permit from 6 months (widely experienced in Wayne County in 2001/2) to no less than two weeks in most if not all counties.

“Renewing the license is a money grab for the state from someone who is simply exercising their Constitutional right to carry.”

If you believe this is true, then follow the market trend of firearm instructors who had to bear the financial reduction of “Supply and Demand” for the past sixteen years. Example: since we have been instructing the CPL classes for 22 years, our fees have experienced a 2/3 reduction in student fees charged all the while inflation has driven up all our costs (including, but not limited to materials, food/refreshment provided, range fees, instructor fees, building operation of

rental fees, etc.). Kindly inform us what training program that provides the specialty of life and death protection instruction with state regulation that has reduced its fees charged to students at least 2/3 of a cost of at least 16 years ago?

Therefore, as the power vested in you as a state representative, a suggestion would be to legislate the state to accept only 2/3 of the original fees charged to the cpl applicant going forward!

"This legislation does not remove background checks..."

True, however, we all know someone that was able to purchase a handgun but could not pass the more extensive background check for successful application of a CPL Permit. These Bill(s) would mean that a person would be armed concealed with a troubled past which is of a concern for the general public and especially law enforcement.

"Because you are in the business of firearms training, I can certainly understand your stance for keeping the status quo,"

We sometimes hear this inference that instructors are only in it for the money and that may be true of some CPL instructors, but to the dedicated instructors, that allegation is an insult to those, like us, that have dedicated our lives, finances, efforts into making the community safer place to live through the importance of providing responsible citizens skill at arms in a variety of measurable ways. Including, but not limited to: financing, designing and building three Macomb County Indoor Ranges for public practicing and developing skill at arms; for twenty-two years being the only CPL Instructors that continually give back to the community through free children gun accident/stranger danger awareness programs; free women's firearm shooting activities (shooting clubs); Community Access Network (personal safety cable network programming: seven shows and four awards); volunteer participation for food / clothing drives; providing, to the best of our knowledge, on newest built only Lead Free Public Indoor Shooting

Range in Michigan and often volunteering at our own expense of time, ammunition and range fees to assist CPL students who fail to meet our minimum safety or firearm skill qualification to stay after the class to attempt to re-qualify or return at a later date to re-qualify.

‘but gun advocates from across the state support this common sense legislation.’

Although we vehemently opposed the Michigan Chiefs of Police Association’s opposition back in 2000 when they lobbied the state legislature to vote no on the original Concealed Carry Law PA 381, the MCPA is now in agreement with us against these Bills as with so many law enforcement officers, quality firearm trained citizens and serious firearm instructors.

“For reciprocity reasons, people will still be encouraged to obtain their certifications but I will continue to fight for the rights of law abiding citizens who simply want to carry, and wear a jacket.”

Those representatives who have not instructed CPL students in training programs, as we have for the past twenty-two years, would have not known, unlike us, from personal experience, that less than one percent of these students have ever indicated they are interested in carrying concealed across state lines: most simply are not interested in paying for the class at all, even though they have little or no knowledge/experience with firearms; if the state did not mandate it so. And thank you to the original State Representative sponsors of PA 381 where applicants have at least some training in a CPL class in which they are encouraged to continue their firearm training with us or other competent firearm academies.

With all this reference to ‘gun advocates’ and ‘gun rights’, who is going to fight for the rights of Shecolby Green’s 9 year old son? Ms. Green, who is reported to have a CPL license, left her unsecured gun in her purse (contrary to the education in our class where special a compartment for a concealed carry gun with a LOCK is

available for ladies' purses on line are discussed regularly), "...accidentally shot himself after finding a gun inside her purse...". Even Detroit Police Chief James Craig was quoted as saying: "I do support law-abiding citizens, ..., to have CPLs, but I've also indicated *in a very strong way the importance of training.*"...(italicized added) please note: the Chief is not a CPL trainer. {by John Steckroth, ClickOnDetroit.Com, March 29, 2017.}

Summary: thank you for allowing us just to scratch the surface of the personal experiences, gun rights advocacy, volunteering for community safety/improvement, and the most important of widely agreed upon opinions by serious firearm citizens, military and law enforcement personnel we have had the honor to both train with and attend courses with in the skill at arms.

Deputy Allen and Mary Polkowski

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May 11, 2017

Report #2

Why Constitutional Carry will not work:

For its intended Purposes

Review:

As discussed in our last correspondence to our state legislators regarding House Bills 4416-19, (Report #1) unless these bills are changed to eliminate constitutional carry and replaced with both training/qualification to at least annually and increased pistol safety training quality enforcement, then a NO VOTE must be entered for the benefit for all Michigan citizens.

Recap: Front Sight vs. C carry...same goal but different avenues to arrive there. Please take note of today's Report:

From Personal Experience-A Tale of Two Women:

Within one day our firearm training academy and indoor range received phone calls from two women, both approximately within the ages of late 60's to early 70's, who explained that they had no knowledge of handguns or have fired any handguns before.

Woman #1.: said that her husband had recently passed away and friends encouraged her to "go to a range to try to get the feel of her late husband's handgun". She didn't even know if the gun was a revolver or a semi-automatic. When we suggested that many first time shooters have expressed to us over the years that either they or they know someone that has little to no knowledge/experience with firearms has injured themselves or others, she insisted

she was going to a range without any guidance or maybe go to the 'outdoor' property of a friend to try out her late husband's gun.

Concerns:

1. It is illegal in Michigan to transport a handgun registered to another person unless that individual has a valid CPL Permit. Example: Transporting in violation of MCL 750227(2) is a Felony. How to legally transport your handgun is articulated in MCL 28.422; a violation of which is a civil fine.
2. Unless a person is a firearm instructor for a measurable length of time, the average person would not know from continuing eye witness accounts of participants and/or casual acquaintances that the two often self-inflicted injuries sustained by most inexperienced handgun shooters are: (A) injury to the flesh and bony area of the support thumb while firing sometimes only the first round of a semi-automatic pistol when the support thumb is crossed behind the returning slide of that pistol when it is fired. (B) Powder burns and/or injury to the support hand- index finger when the shooter places it under the barrel forcing cone/cylinder gap when firing a revolver; especially one of a larger caliber.
3. Without even the basics of handgun safety, safe handling or fundamentals of aiming, how could anyone ascertain that this woman is going to hit what she is aiming at and not have a round leave the firearm in an unsafe direction? You cannot change the direction of the speed of a fired bullet when it leaves your handgun!
4. Note: Confirmed both last Friday, May 13, 2017 and again on Monday, May 15, 2017, Mike O'Conner from Carey's Small Arms Range Ventilation Company [Phone number upon request] visited our range after completing maintenance at a local South/Eastern Michigan Range (name upon request). He stated and confirmed on both days (personal visit to or range and then by phone in Monday) that he was an eye witness with astonishment at all of the lanes *of that other range* had bullet marks on the range floor no further that five feet from the shooting stall tables. It was apparent to him that novice shooters were either negligent or so unsafe aiming at the floor in order for their fired rounds to hit the floor in such close proximity to the shooters position.

Note: this lady did not stay on the phone long enough for us to explain some basic firearm laws she may violate in her quest to shoot a handgun, but most importantly without even a basic class, she may not even remember what we told her on the phone anyway.

Woman #2. This woman called essentially with the same personal data as above yet with one profound difference. She correctly stated she wouldn't handle any firearms for any purpose until she completed successfully several firearm training courses. She was wise to suggest waiting for a gun purchase without the competent advice of an instructor.

Question to Ask the General Public: Which women do you want to meet in a situation where the lady draws her firearm for personal protection in public where your children or my children (may or may not be) the backstops to her bullets? (Inference for Nationally Acclaimed Trainer: Massad Ayoob).

Still trying to discover why a constitutional carry bill is presented when they have not proven how arming people without increased competency validation make anyone safer. Apparently we all want to model our state after Front Sight in Nevada which is hoping to soon have its own firearm resort community with its own zip Code. The exception is that the average American citizen there (Front Sight) has proven competence with their skill at arms to be a true asset, not a liability.

Having a several options to carry concealed will only add more confusion and bureaucracy to a pistol protection process by allowing persons to carry concealed without following the adequate, albeit unenforced, validation process of pistol safety training, the more extensive background than gun purchases and education of firearm laws .

Open carry is not prohibited, true. It is important to note that we (Ultimate Protection Academy) sponsored a Gun Law / Gun Rights open house, with Michigan Open Carry ,the BATF , then State Representative Kim Meltzer as invitees including free food and refreshments to the public. In their brochure, of which Michigan Open Carry distributed that day, stated: "ADVISORY NOTE: Before carrying a handgun we recommend that you become familiar with all state and federal laws in regards to firearm laws and the use of deadly force. **Taking a self-defense / firearm course is recommended.**"(Emphasis added) Apparently they agree with us.

Greg Ellifritz, full time police officer since 1995 who has spent 13 years as a full time Tactical Training Officer for his Central Ohio Agency as well as adjunct instructor for the Ohio Peace Officer's Training Academy : stated in his document Active Response Training: Shooting Drill-FBI Qualification Test, 2/17/2015, "...police qualification courses serve as a fairly decent benchmark of competency for the average citizen. Without extensive practice or some professional coaching, your average plinker isn't likely to pass. I regularly advise students to shoot their local police qualification course, have it signed and witnessed by a shooting partner (or even better a police instructor), and save the target. It's an idea I got from Massad Ayoob. If you have to shoot someone in self-defense and your abilities are questioned by the court, it makes a pretty powerful statement to say: *As a responsible gun owner, I didn't feel comfortable carrying my gun in public until my skill level was at least as good as the police officers who patrol my community. I took several training classes and I successfully completed the states' police pistol qualification course, here's the target to prove it.*"

We at the academy as still puzzled as to why the constitutional carry bills are being introduced and what the ultimate goal is? To protect society? To protect individuals? The reason is unclear. But most importantly , our suggested modification to these bills would make our society safer. Case in point:

Protecting from enemies foreign and domestic.

History

WWII, not one enemy invaded us on US soil, as it was understand they were afraid of armed citizens. Fast forward twenty years. Now terrorists are attacking us from within and from abroad, how do our changes to these bills actually protect us from these new threats? (A well-armed and trained individual either law enforcement or civilian is obviously more like to be victorious in a violent attack then that of a novice, is indisputable) Examine the new real threats and how does this factor into 'skill at arms'?

Terrorist attacks

From: Hostage Rescue In the Age Of ISIS; May3, 2017, By James A. Gagliano.

"Let me state this upfront: As a former Counterterrorist Operator, a member of the FBI's elite Hostage Rescue Team (HRT), where I proudly served from 1997 to 2001, I

am concerned. Really. I'm deadly serious. I'm concerned. The Islamic State has incontrovertibly changed the hostage game...Human lives are an expendable currency to the Islamic State...And we westerners ignore this obvious shift in tactics at our own peril..."

"...Interestingly, the lack of demands and the absence of an opportunity to negotiate terms to settle a hostage situation within the United States has also become an anathema to responding laws enforcement teams and counterterrorism analysts and experts...The fact is, in 2016 America, ISIS-inspired jihadists-in fact in almost all domestic active shooter massacres of recent vintage-the carnage has concluded and the assailant has often taken their own lives before the first responder arrives on the scene or an entry team can make contact with the shooter..."

"...But hostage rescue requires four things for success, and these are, inarguable-speed, surprise, violence-of-action, and a failsafe breach. If you (police) can't get in, you can't save hostages...."

Again, to Officer Greg Ellifritz, in his other writing: **Islamic Terrorist Hostage Seiges**, May 9, 2017:

"When an ISIS terrorist or team of terrorists takes hostages, it is not the same situation as when a desperate criminal takes hostage after a bank robbery goes bad or when domestic violence suspect holds his family hostage...Look at every event worldwide where Islamic terrorists have taken hostages. In EVERY event, the terrorists refused to negotiate or used the negotiation time to build better fortifications or attract more media attention...they don't want to get away. They want to kill all the hostages and die a martyr's death..."

"-Segregation of hostages" [From Dr. John Giduck in his book **When Terror Returns**; paraphrased by author Ofc. Ellifritz]. "...To reduce the chance for hostage revolt, the terrorists will quickly separate any adult males, authority figures, or physically large or athletic teens. These folks are more likely to fight. The terrorists don't want a fight. They pull all of the people who are capable of successful resistance out of the crowd and execute them in the initial states of the attack."

So back to Constitutional Carry without any education for use of deadly force, quality training at skill at arms and competent qualification tests to prove those of at least the minimal skill goals have been met, how does the lives of so many depend entirely on a constitutional carry patriot when no one else can protect the innocent?

Conclusion

Again, we must redefine these bills so that they reflect the same outcome of an armed society but only in the proven way as demonstrated at Front Sight Firearm Resort and Training center. Average Armed American citizens who take pride in the knowledge, skill and safe attitude than can be Michigan's legacy!

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Report #3

It has been reported Michigan gun rights magazine that Constitutional Carry is not the same as concealed carry with a Michigan Concealed Pistol License. That begs the question of what is the purpose of removing requirement for a permit for some citizens. Our reports #1 & 2 show that it doesn't make citizens safer, but in fact may expose them to negligent discharges of firearms, safety injuries to the firearm owners or others, absence of pistol safety courses and government agencies (i.e.: MSP, County Clerks) not mandated to provide state law information. This all adds to the confusion of what some already call a confusing process personal protection with a firearm.

Allegedly a person who wants to carry concealed without a current permit:

- Can't borrow another's handgun
- Can't carry concealed in reciprocal carry states
- Can't Utilize the convenience of RI-060: MSP 'Pistol Sales Record' for private party sales.
- Can't carry in gun zones afforded current CPL holders
- No Pistol Safety Training Course required (classroom and range per state requirements)

If the only issue was forced "taxation" to apply for a CPL, then these bills would be simply addressing lowering or eliminating the permit fees. Pistol safety class fees have drastically plummeted since 2001, yet the state fees

remain approximately the same even though it is clear that the government costs/involvement has been drastically reduced. (i.e.: gun Boards Eliminated, fingerprint for renewals eliminated, Wayne County Volunteer Sheriff Deputies process applications and most all applicant processing done on line, etc.).

Open Carry begs the question of why didn't the person want to apply for a carry permit. Were they not able to pass either the more extensive background check? Or pass the pistol safety course? Do they want to offend the general public? Often this occurs with open carry as there is no tactical reason to let your opponent know that you are armed yet non gun rights people become fearful and offended when open carry gun owners are in public. Please consider that there are a multitude of proven community volunteer efforts that gun owners could and should participate like food drives, clothing drives, kids safety programs, women and family safety programs; to name a few.

Maybe the gun rights groups stand to gain financially due to media attention with a successful passage of these bills. Are they offering free memberships as the example we set back in 1995 with our United Ladies Training In Marksmanship and Total Empowerment (since 1995) ladies gun rights group? Do they have paid administrative staff? Do they sell advertising space in their gun rights magazines?

What, if any, are the states and documentation and or personal testimony from the names instructors/ranges/academies that have had an increase of participants in their pistol training programs based on constitutional carry alone.

Our State Representative, Honorable Steve Marino, has given the members of the house permission to contact us personally regarding our requests for a NO VOTE . We look forward to a lively dialog, please feel free to contact us at your earliest convenience.